

VIEW

Francis Marion University

Alum says opportunities abound in

agriculture

Whether to make a better world or just a better life for himself, Francis Marion University alum ('83) Milton Tre' Coleman III is devoted to farming. He spends most days at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market, a 45,000 square foot drive-through farmer shed in Florence filled to the rim with produce and horticultural products. Coleman is the

Pee Dee State Farmers Market manager. He also serves as a cotton and tobacco marketing specialist working closely with the S.C. Cotton Board and the S.C. Tobacco Board.

The Latta native never aspired to become a market manager. Coleman didn't even seek one of a wide range of off-farm career opportunities in animal, fish and plant research, food science and processing or forest and wildlife management.

This son and grandson of farmers majored in political science at FMU hoping he would one day become an attorney. After a stint selling farm equipment, working in a plant and as a warehouse worker, Coleman ended up returning to his family roots as manager of the local farmers market in 2004. He replaced his father Tommy who served as the first manager of the market.

"I was always drawn to agriculture," Coleman said, "because

it's a great way to raise a family, and it's an industry where you can feel good that what you produce is also good for society."

Farming was an occupation with which Coleman was all too familiar, so he felt he could make a significant difference in the lives of Pee Dee residents in this position.

"It is important for the market to serve as support for local agriculture because it plays such a big role in helping produce a safe and healthy food supply which is in really high demand," Coleman said. "I hope the market assists local farmers with issues ranging from the security of our food supplies to the quality of our environment and rural economy."

In the modern age of food preservatives and additives, genetically altered crops and E. coli outbreaks, people are increasingly concerned about the quality and cleanliness of the foods they eat,

Coleman added.

Demand and profit potential are also a concern for farmers in the area, he said. Coleman said his education in political science at FMU prepared him for these matters. In fact, it was FMU Political Science Professor Ken Kitts, who is now the associate provost for enrollment management, who taught Coleman the connection between politics and farming.

"He made learning fun. Dr. Kitts made the words

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Tre' Coleman at the Farmers Market.

FMU dedicates Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child

Francis Marion University dedicated its state-of-the-art child care center Aug. 14, setting the stage for a place that will serve as the state model for the dissemination of best practices in early childhood education.

The \$5 million Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child offers child care services to the children of community members, students, faculty and staff ages six weeks to five years old. In addition, the center is a child development and evaluation clinic to train students, giving them firsthand experience in dealing with the children it will serve.

FMU President Fred Carter, university representatives and more than 150 guests helped commemorate the new building with a dedication ceremony and the presentation of a framed copy of the bronze plaque honoring Gail and Terry Richardson. The honorees, who have been long-time supporters of FMU and enthusiastic proponents for establishing the Center for the Child, performed the ribbon cutting.

Gail Ness Richardson has served on the FMU Board of Trustees since 1988, and was the first woman elected to a two-year term as chair in 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree from Queens College in Charlotte and a master's in library science from the University of South Carolina. She has been a public school teacher and a community advocate for education.

Terry E. Richardson Jr. is a successful attorney with the law

firm Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman

in Barnwell. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Clemson University and a law degree at the University of South Carolina. He received the President's Award for Service from the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association in 1994, and the Compleat Lawyer Award from the S.C. Bar in 2003.

Following the dedication, attendees were given guided tours of the 17,200-square-foot, one-story facility. The center includes a child-care wing of two infant rooms, two toddler rooms, two rooms for three- and four-year-olds, and two rooms for four- and five-year-olds; an office area for psychology and education faculty members; a central lobby and library that will also function as a family waiting area; observation and assessment rooms; and an outdoor play area.

Gifts from generous donors provided the inspiration for FMU's Education Foundation to establish an endowment to realize the mission of the center.



Dedication ceremony.

Agriculture *Continued from front.*

leap off the page," Coleman said. "He had traveled the world and could tell us first-hand the workings of the political machine."

History of the Market

In the late 1880s, a curb market occupied the ground floor of the Florence City Hall where meat and fresh produce from Florence and adjacent counties were sold to the townspeople. The Irby Street Market was established by the Florence Kiwanis Club,

the Florence County Delegation, and the Clemson University County Extension Office in the late 1950s. These curb markets offered fresh garden produce, watermelons, home baked goods, home canned goods, pickles, sugar cane, jellies, corn meal, milk, eggs, and home craft items such as aprons and dolls.

To replace the old curb markets, the Pee Dee State Farmers Market was opened in June of 1983 at the "Old Tobacco Experiment Station" location on Highway 52. The 55 acres of land on which the Pee Dee Market now rests was originally used for production farming.

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is located at 2513 W. Lucas Street.

A log-cabin gift shop complete with gardens and greenhouses, a large selection of statuary products, greenhouse and shade cloth areas featuring tropical plants, flowers and many other items, and a 100-year-old barn which houses a pecan kitchen, potter's shop and a café, are also part of the Pee Dee Market. A 25,000 square foot facility is also leased to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Vending machines and restrooms are conveniently located on the premises. Admission and parking are free.

In October, a new building will be added bearing the name of Sen. Hugh Leatherman who was primarily responsible for providing the funds to construct it. John Deere, Harvest Moon, Soap Works and Trinity Farms will be housed in the Leatherman building.

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Francis Marion University offers equal opportunity in its employment, admissions and educational activities.

FMU ranked in top 100 by *U.S. News and World Report*

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the south's top 100 master's level universities for the eighth year in a row.

The rankings were published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges*, 2009 Edition, Aug. 26.

"We are very proud and pleased to be included among the top 100 master's level institutions in the south for the eighth consecutive year. This ranking speaks to the quality of our academic programs and the success of our faculty and students," said FMU President Fred Carter. "We know that parents and students review this data in this report when making decisions about college. This is just one of many indicators that illuminate our programs and curricula."

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There are 572 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.

The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence.

The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

Evidence of these indicators can be found in the fact that the student faculty ratio at FMU is 15 to 1, 88 percent of the faculty is classified as full-time and 43 percent of the freshmen who attend FMU were ranked in the top 25 percent of their high school class.



FACULTY AND STAFF

News

FMU names 2008 outstanding employees

Kimberly G. Davis and David B. Richardson, both of Marion, have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 30 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.

Davis is assistant director of institutional research and human resource assistant and Richardson is a craftsman supervisor for building maintenance.

Davis has been employed at FMU for 22 years and Richardson for 19 years. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Fred Carter presented Davis and Richardson with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees. Rep. Lester P. Branham Jr. was the guest speaker.

L. Allen Eaddy of Florence, senior lead custodian; Brenda M. Hill of Florence, administrative assistant for the Center of Excellence; Otis Nichols of Darlington, craftsman for building maintenance; and Diane Scarborough, lab manager in the Department of



(L-R): Davis, FMU President Fred Carter, Richardson

Biology, were cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Mary L. Batson of Marion, coordinator of classification, compensation and employment; Christal C. Bazen of Johnsonville, director of financial services and student accounts; Angela C. Cantey of Mullins, administrative assistant for biology; JoRetha L. Evans of Florence, senior administrative assistant for athletics; Elizabeth L. Gould of Florence, director of human resources services; Yulaundra F. Heyward of Florence, assistant director of the counseling and testing center; Quincy Jupiter

of Florence, dining services aide; David S. Robinson of Mullins, supervisor of residence buildings/housing maintenance; Linda R. Singleton, custodian; Nancy Wright of Florence, administrative manager of public affairs.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Darryl L. Bridges of Florence, vice president for student affairs; Tamara M. Gardner, administrative associate in the physical plant; Alvin L. Jackson of Lake City, estate groundskeeper; and Angela L. Payton of Florence, publications editor in Office Services.

Board of Trustees four new members



Boles



O'Kelly



Crowther



Norwood

Four new board members were elected to four-year terms on the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees by the General Assembly last spring.

New board members are:

- Laura Stroman Crowther of Columbia, representing Congressional District Two.
- Bradley Boles of Piedmont, representing Congressional District Four.
- J. Kevin O'Kelly of Florence, a governor's appointee.
- Timothy Norwood of Florence, an at-large representative.

The 17-member board is made up of two representatives from each of the six congressional districts, three at-large members and two gubernatorial appointees.

Patriot Power Lunch

The FMU alumni association is celebrating alumni contributions with the new *Patriot Power Lunch* series. If your organization employs three or more FMU alumni, you could win our monthly lunch give-away. (*The last Monday of each month, beginning July 2008*).

Congratulations Winners!

July 2008

ArborOne Financial

August 2008

Trinity Healthcare Staffing

For more information, contact Kim Turbeville at 843-661-1228 or kturbeville@fmarion.edu.

FMU announces tenure and promotion of faculty

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2008-09 academic year.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Douglas E. Gray, fine arts; Kevin Lasher, political science and geography; and William W. Wattles, psychology.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Philip C. Fulmer, physics; Timothy L. Hanson, mass communication; Janis McWayne, education; and David Sacash, mass communication.

Earning continuous tenure (without a time limit) are: Fang-jun A. Arroyo, mathematics; Philip C. Fulmer, physics and astronomy; Jacqueline C. Jones, English, modern languages and philosophy.

Pee Dee Fiction & Poetry Festival



Robert Wrigley



Ethan Canin



Dorianne Lauz



Valerie Martin



Sara Gran



Tom Perrotta

November 6 - 8, 2008
Francis Marion University

Pee Dee International Festival

**Rain or
Shine**

October 18, 2008
10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**FREE
Admission**

at Francis Marion University

Appearing on campus will be the Woodland Alliance bringing Native American history to life and the dazzling performers of the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, many local performers and artisans plus activities and international food booths. Don't miss out on all of the fun!



FMU Foundation Board seats two new board members

Grady Greer of Florence and Rounder Saverance of Timmonssville have been elected to the Francis Marion University Foundation Board. Each began his initial three-year term July 1.

"The FMU Foundation Board takes its role of supporting the University's faculty, staff and students very seriously. The addition of Grady and Rounder further strengthens the board's ability to make a positive impact not only on campus, but through programs that reach into the region as well," said Reamer King, chairman of the FMU Foundation Board. "They both have highly successful business careers and we look forward to benefiting from their considerable expertise."

Greer is the CEO of Toledo Carolina, which provides weighing equipment and systems to local businesses in a 26-county area of northeast South Carolina and southeast North Carolina, and has been with the company since 1973. Greer was born and raised in Greer and attended the University of South Carolina. For four years, he served on Florence County Council years, two of which were as chairman.



Greer

Saverance is vice president of Citizens Bank, co-owner of Layton-Anderson Funeral Home and a farmer. He graduated from the S.C. Bankers School, N.C. Bankers School and Bankers School of the South at Louisiana State University. He is past president of the S.C. Banks Association's Pee Dee Chapter, Timmonssville Chamber of Commerce, Timmonssville Jaycees, Pee Dee Mental Health Chapter and a past president of the Pee Dee State Bank where he served for 34 years. He is also founder of the Timmonssville Rescue Squad.



Saverance

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Greer and Mr. Saverance to the FMU Foundation Board," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation and FMU's vice president for development. "Each of them has already been supportive through their time and resources and this is yet another example of great friends of this university answering the call to be engaged at a higher level."

Scholarship honors G. Wayne King

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University in memory of a longtime professor in the department of history, G. Wayne King.

The G. Wayne King scholarship will be awarded to a student preferably from Florence County with a major in history, or humanities or social sciences. The scholarship recipient must obtain at minimum sophomore status, as defined by the academic catalog, demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA.

King is a native of Florence. After graduating from McClenaghan High School in 1957, King attended the University of South Carolina where he graduated cum laude with a BA degree in 1964 and a Ph. D. degree in 1969 in history. He began teaching at USC- Florence in 1969 before it became Francis Marion University in 1970. King died on April 10, 2008, and his friends and colleagues wanted to honor him in this meaningful way.

The goal for the scholarship fund is \$25,000.

Scholarship established to honor longtime employee

A scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by the Florence Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in memory of Rebecca S. Lunn, former coordinator of provisional programs.

The Florence Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Rebecca S. Lunn Scholarship was created to pay tribute to Lunn's 30 years of service to FMU and her dedication to the sorority.

During her tenure, Lunn was the advisor of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was also a Diamond Life member of the group and served as president of the local chapter.

She also advised many students through their transitional year into the university.

The scholarship will be funded annually in varying amounts depending on the number of recipients and the funding available. Recipients must be a member of Xi Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The student must also have a 3.0 GPA or higher, demonstrate a financial need and have earned enough hours to acquire junior status.

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

10 years

D. Allen Clabo Jr.
Thomas L. Fitzkee
Douglas E. Gray
Lynn Hanson
Marsha P. Taylor
Bill D. Whitmire

20 years

Kevan H. Croteau
Fred R. David
P. Edwin Eleazer
David C. Granath

George E.

Harding III
Linda L. Jacobs
M. Barry O'Brien
Jeffrey Pompe
Kathleen S. Pompe
Cynthia A. Price
John G. Rae III

William M. Ramsey

William H.
Richardson Jr.
M. Suzanne
Singleton

R. Sethfield Smith

John M. Summer
John C. Sutton

30 years

Linda D. Becote
Jane P. Quick
James L. Renneker

40 years

Kenneth R. Dye Jr.

Distinguished Alumni Scholarship

An endowed scholarship is being established to honor those graduates who have received the annual "Distinguished Alumnus Award" from Francis Marion University. The scholarship idea was initiated by William W. Coleman (Class of '71) to bestow a lasting tribute to a group of outstanding graduates and provide a permanent source of scholarship funds that will assist future generations of students. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more students with preference given to those who are children of FMU alumni with financial need. For more information, contact the Development Office at 843-661-1218.

FMU places 33 on Division II ADA Academic Achievement Award list

The NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association recently announced the inaugural recipients of the Division II ADA Academic Achievement Awards presented by WeatherPORT – a list that included 33 student-athletes from Francis Marion. Sixty-seven institutions participated in the 2007-08 awards program and 2188 student-athletes were recognized. FMU led all Peach Belt Conference member schools in players honored and ranked second in the state among Division II institutions.

Francis Marion's Bert Atkinson finishes 52nd at US Senior Open

Francis Marion graduate and former Patriot golfer Bert Atkinson finished tied for 52nd at the recent 2008 U.S. Senior Open, played in Colorado Springs, Colo. The 1979 Francis Marion graduate carded rounds of 72, 75, 73, and 76 on the par 70, 7,254-yard Broadmoor East Course. His 296 score was the third lowest score for an amateur at the event and was 22 strokes behind winner Eduardo Romero. Atkinson, who this year turned 50 and became eligible to play in Senior events, lives in Charleston and is president of O'Connor Inc. Atkinson transferred to Francis Marion for his senior year (1978-79) and led the Patriots with a 74.0 stroke average, was named an NAIA All-American, and helped lead the Patriots to an eighth-place finish at the 1979 NAIA National Tournament.

FMU's Sykorova named ITA All-American

Sophomore Tereza Sykorova was named to the 2008 Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II All-America Team. A native of Zdice, Czech Republic, she posted a 21-2 singles record at the No. 1 position and was listed 10th nationally in the final Division II women's singles rankings. She also recorded a 24-2 doubles record at the No. 3 spot.



Sykorova

FMU ranks in USSA Director's Cup

After having six of its squads compete in NCAA post-season competition, Francis Marion University finished 71st overall, third among Peach Belt Conference members, and first among Palmetto State institutions, in the 2008 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup competition for Division II schools. FMU recorded 244 points. NCAA Division II membership currently stands at 282.

Patriot tennis player Jezovicova named Academic All-American

Women's tennis player Magda Jezovicova was named to the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America women's at-large team for the College Division. The Cesky Tesin, Czech Republic, native was named to the 15-player first-team. She is a graduate student at FMU who has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average on all work undertaken toward her MBA. This past season, she was 14-2 in singles play at the No. 6 spot and 24-2 playing No. 3 doubles.



Dr. Chapman presents award to Magda Jezovicova

New Patriot Coaches

Sharif Chambliss of Racine, Wis., has joined the men's basketball staff as an assistant coach. He replaces Jonathan Holmes who left FMU to accept an assistant's position at the College of William and Mary. Chambliss comes to FMU after two seasons on the basketball staff at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He earned the B.S. degree in life science communications from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Joel Person of Mobile, Ala., has been hired as assistant coach for men's soccer and the university's equipment manager. He comes to FMU after serving one season as an assistant women's coach at the University of Mobile. He was director of coaching with the Mobile Soccer Club in 2006-07, was the head boys' varsity coach at the UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile for three seasons (41-16-4 record), and assisted with the University of Mobile men's program from 2002 to 2006. He earned the B.A. degree in history and religion (magna cum laude) from Mobile in 2002.

Carol Schnepf of Conway has joined the Patriot women's basketball staff as an assistant coach. She takes the position formerly held by Jami Cornwell, who left to take a teaching position in secondary education. Schnepf served as assistant coach at Arcadia University for the past three seasons. While coaching, she also earned her master's degree from Arcadia in 2007. She is a 2003 graduate of The Catholic University of America, where she earned a B.A. degree in business (marketing).

Francis Marion Student-Athletes earn NCAA scholarships

Three Patriot student-athletes were awarded NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Scholarship Awards for the 2008-09 academic year: men's tennis player James Maclachlan, volleyball player Jackie Phiel, and softball player Monica Wofford. They are among 86 recipients nationwide from 63 institutions. FMU was among seven schools that received the maximum of three awards, and was the only Peach Belt Conference member institution to earn an award for 2008. These student-athletes are just short of completing their degrees but whose athletics eligibility has expired.

1973

Glenn Isom has joined The Citizens Bank in Lake City, S.C. as vice president. He and his wife, Patty, have four children and three grandchildren.

1974

Suzanne Jebaily has joined Jebaily Law Firm as an associate practicing in the areas of workers' compensation, Social Security, and appellate advocacy. She earned her juris doctor in 2006 from the University of South Carolina.

Mazie Bullard White is the director of clinical services with Palmetto Pee Dee Behavioral Health.

1976

Lynn Perry retired from Hannah-Pamplico Elementary School after 35 years with the school.

Mary Lynn Berry Wallace recently achieved National Board Teacher's Certification. She is a Cad drafting teacher at Millsbrook High School in N.C.

1977

Randy Willis has been named the principal at Johnsonville Middle School.

1980

Steven Meggs is the regional sales manager for Unilever.

1981

Gloria Dudley has been named Florence School District 5 coordinator for 9-12 special services and testing.

Martha Strait was named West Florence High School's 2008 Teacher of the Year.

1982

Julie Howle was selected as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at St. John's Elementary in Darlington, S.C. She currently teaches fifth grade and has been a Darlington County Teacher of the Year three times.

Melesia Walden has accepted the position of instructional coordinator with Charleston County School District. Prior to this position, she was with Florence County School District 3 for 18 years.

1984

Julia Cain was named assistant principal at Bennettsville Elementary School.

1986

Kimberly G. Davis was named outstanding staff employee of the year at Francis Marion University. She is assistant director of institutional research and human resource assistant. She has been

employed with FMU for 22 years.

1987

Kelley Byrd has joined the Byrnes Schools in Quinby, S.C. as an Upper School English Teacher.

Judy Hancock was named Scranton Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

1988

Debbie Pollock-Berry has been promoted to vice president of human resources with AOL.

Wendy Floyd Boswell has been named director of product integrity and risk management at Palmetto Solutions, a division of Palmetto Behavioral Health.

Kay Coleman was named Olanta Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Stephen Jones has left AG Edwards/Wachovia Securities after 15 years to help open a branch office for the investment firm of Stifel Nicolaus. He serves as senior vice president/investments and certified financial planner. He and his wife, Frances, welcomed son John Wilsie Jones, III (Jay) on June 8, 2008.

Donna Rushing has joined the Byrnes Schools in Quinby, S.C. She will oversee the management of the school's cafeteria.

1989

Bryan Cagle has joined Aiken & Company Insurance and Realty in Florence, S.C.

1991

Rich

Pasquale, head baseball coach at Youngstown State University in Ohio, was named co-coach of the Year by the Horizon League.

Yvonne Rhodes ('00 M.Ed. Remediation) was named 2008 S.C. Law Related Education High School Teacher of the Year by the S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division. She is a social studies teacher at Wilson High School.

Tomeika Sellers is the Babynet coordinator for S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Laura Elizabeth Stroman and William Fred Crowther married Mar. 8, 2008. She is vice president of the S.C. Realtors Association and was recently named to the FMU Board of Trustees.

1992

Allana Prosser has been named the

assistant principal at Johnsonville Middle School.

Scott Sokoloski finished his Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 2007 and has been named staff psychologist at Georgia Southern University.

Jack Swann has been named principal of Bennettsville Elementary School.

1993

Leslie Cherette welcomed son Myles Tercilien Cherette on Nov. 29, 2007.

Jeff Helton has been elected chairman of The School Foundation board of directors for 2008-2009. He is the assistant vice president of support services at Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing Inc.

Daniel Hood will serve as the officer in charge of operations on the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, a joint service organization charged with coordinating military ceremonial support for the 56th Presidential Inauguration on Jan. 20, 2009.

1994

Kristi Austin has been named principal at North Hartsville Elementary School.

Cathy Garland was named All Saint's Teacher of the Year for 2008. She is a media specialist/librarian.

Monica Pender is a special education teacher at Union Academy.

1995

Darrell Jameson ('02M.Ed. Secondary Ed.) has been named the coordinator of federal programs, testing, and special projects for Marion School District One.

Cortina Quick has been named assistant principal at Great Mills High School, Md.

1996

Terese P. Montgomery was named Lake City Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

1997

Shereca Anderson has been named director of accounting at Benedict College.

Chanda Kelly has joined ACS Technologies Group, Inc. as a certified financial analyst.

Angie Lawson was named Kershaw County School District 2008 Teacher of the Year. She is a music teacher with Pine Tree Elementary.

Caroline M. Stokes has joined Stifel Nicolaus in Florence, S.C. as client services associate.

1998

Jamie Fowler was recently promoted to major and transferred to the

National Guard Bureau as a staff action officer in the readiness division of the Army National Guard Directorate. He lives in Springfield, Va. with his wife Page and daughter Ava.

Amanda James Rosales was named Main Street Elementary (FSD3) Teacher of the Year.

1999

Robin B. Bellamy has published a book entitled, "A Collection of Poetry: Matters of the Heart, Revealed."

DeAnn

Tiller and husband, **Brent** '00 welcomed daughter Laura Kathleen Tiller on Apr. 29,

2008. The couple has another daughter, Weatherly.



The Tiller family

2000

Kendall Kiker and Abby Wurster married June 15, 2008. He is a drama teacher at Marion High School.

Michael J. Kirby has joined ArborOne Financial as a corporate analyst and bond underwriter.

Brent Tiller and wife, **DeAnn** '99 welcomed daughter Laura Kathleen Tiller on Apr. 29, 2008. The couple have another daughter, Weatherly.

2001

Tina Morris Boyette is working for the U.S. Department of Defense. She recently received a GS-14 position and is fluent in Arabic.

Mandy Harris has been named the head softball coach at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.

Steve Hicks is working as an account manager with Southeastern Freight Lines.

William Holmes McLaurin and Anna Alston Daniel married June 14, 2008.

Toby Nelson is a postdoctoral research associate with Carnegie Mellon University.

2002

Russell Chad Huggins and Ashley Dawn Cooper wed on June 14, 2008. He is employed with Best Buy of Florence.

Kimberly Mason has been named the principal at Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School in Society Hill.

Jamie McSween Taylor and Ryan Austin Hewett married May 17, 2008. She is a sales representative with Daiichi Sankyo Pharmaceuticals.

Amanda Todd was named First Reliance Bank 2007 Associate of the Year. She is an assistant vice president and business banker.

2003

Lindsay Marie Dell'Armo and **Robert Dean Guffey** wed on Apr. 12, 2008. She is employed by First Reliance Bank.

Matthew Blatnik earned his Ph.D. in Feb. 2008 and has accepted a position with Pfizer as a senior scientist working in regulated Biomarker space.

Glen Doty has invented and is marketing a carbon-neutral process for producing ethanol.

Kalpna Bhupendra Patel and **Kevin Thomas Fraley** '04 wed on July 12, 2008. She is a third-year student at Appalachian School of Law.

2004

Tiffany Ann Boyce and **John Richard Olson** wed May 3, 2008. The couple currently resides in Las Vegas.



Boyce

Cleve Joseph Calcutt and **Vaughn Elise Bowen** '06 wed on July 11, 2008. He is working as a tennis pro for the New Orleans Country Club.

Donato R. Capodanno recently

appeared on the ABC show, *The Bachelorette*.

Kevin Thomas Fraley and **Kalpna Bhupendra Patel** '03 married on July 12, 2008. He is the store director for Circuit City in Florence.

Gregory Earl Gasque and **Stacey Danielle Rogers** married Apr. 12, 2008. He is employed with ACS Technologies.

Joanna Tinch was named head basketball coach at Converse College. Prior to this position, she served as an assistant coach at Alabama-Huntsville.

Joshua Winslow Pate and **Jessica Kendall Eaddy** wed on Mar. 29, 2008. He is employed by Perfusion Providers, Inc. in Savannah, Ga.

2005

Charles David Mitchell and **Lisa Jane Knell** wed June 14, 2008.

2006

Megan Dowling Bryant and **Tallon Ray Temple** married June 28, 2008. She is employed by Rubicon Counseling Services in Hartsville, S.C.

Ramona Monique Fox and **Tommy Cotton Jr.** married June 7, 2008. She is employed with ACS Technologies, Inc.

Adam and **Luke Hart** are professional golfers on the Tarheel Tour, Hooters Tour, and Nationwide Tour.

Stephanie Powers and **Matthew Steven Donaldson** '07 married May 31, 2008. She is employed by the Memphis, Tenn. school system.

2007

Heather Lea-Margaret Anderson and **Capt. Jacob Lanier Corbett** married on June 28, 2008.

Tabitha Bellflowers has joined Webster Rogers LLP as a staff accountant in the tax group.



Oliver Johnson Brodie

Rory Brodie welcomed son **Oliver Johnson Brodie** on July 24, 2008.

Matthew Steven Donaldson and **Stephanie Powers** '06 married May 31, 2008. He is employed with the University of Memphis and is pursuing a masters of Graphics Arts degree.

Zella Hayes has joined Nationwide Insurance Company.

Lauren A. Karelitz has joined Trinity Healthcare Staffing Group as a nurse recruiter.

Tracy Elizabeth Patrick and **Christopher Allen Yon** wed on Mar. 8, 2008. She is employed with ADP, Inc.

Britton Reaves is working as an admissions counselor at FMU.

Stacy Stafford has accepted a lead teaching position with the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child.

Mitchell Bryan Wilson and **Lauren Brittany Moore** '08 married June 21, 2008.

Tom Junior Yarbrough III and **Casie Lynn Shirley** '08 married July 5, 2008. He works at Yarbrough

Termite and Pest Control in Hartsville.

2008

Katherine Elizabeth Dewitt has joined ArborOne Financial as an associate accountant.

Deanna Megan Giordano and **Rev. Brandon Dewitt Goff** married May 17, 2008. She is a second grade teacher at Midway Elementary School in Cassatt.

Melissa Anne Lee and **Jeremy Ryan Roeder** wed May 10, 2008.

Meghan Long is working as a senior administrative assistant in the financial assistance office at FMU.

Diana Luhman has joined ArborOne Financial as a loan assistant.

Lauren Brittany Moore and **Mitchell Bryan Wilson** '07 married June 21, 2008.

Angela Dawn Sawyer has joined ArborOne Financial as a credit analyst.

Casie Lynn Shirley and **Tom Junior Yarbrough III** '07 married July 5, 2008. She is a second grade teacher at Pate Elementary in Darlington.

Rebecca MacMillan Patterson has joined ArborOne Financial as a corporate analyst and bond underwriter.

Kristen Renee Poston and **Owen Michael Fraley** wed June 21, 2008.

Bebbe Danielle Turner and **Matthew Batteiger Moss** married on May 31, 2008.

Kelly Williams is working as a senior administrative assistant in the financial assistance office at FMU.



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